
THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE TRUSTEES

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THE STATE FARM

AT BRIDGEWATER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1891.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

To His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Council.

The trustees of the State Almshouse and State Farm, in compliance with the requirements under section 3, chapter 88 of the Public Statutes, and as amended by chapter 299 of the Acts of the year 1891, herewith present their thirty-eighth annual report, which, with the reports of the superintendent and resident physician, herein submitted, shows the condition of the State Farm at Bridgewater for the financial year ending Sept. 30, 1891.

When a public institution like the State Farm, organized and governed in accordance with laws of the Commonwealth relating to the same, continues under the control and management of competent, efficient and trustworthy officers, and remains in the same excellent condition year after year, it is somewhat difficult to speak each year in new terms in relation to its condition, except as to improvements made or to present some important matter for future consideration.

The institution buildings are in good condition, and will require no large expenditure of money for repairs or improvements the coming year.

The farm, containing about four hundred acres, has been well cultivated and improved, and good crops have been the result. A portion of the land recently purchased has been reclaimed the past year, the labor on the same being principally performed by inmates.

In the workshop, inmates who are able to perform labor have been employed in seating chairs, as formerly.

Under the provisions of chapter 64 of the Acts of 1891, the sum of \$72,500 was appropriated for the payment of the current expenses of the institution for the present calendar

year. For a detailed statement of the expenditure of the same, see report of the superintendent, hereto annexed, which has been examined and verified by the trustees.

Under chapter 68 of the Resolves of the year 1891, the sum of \$40,000 was appropriated for the erection of a new building for a workshop, and for the construction of one hundred additional cells for the workhouse department, the sum of \$20,000 only to be expended on the same during the present year. The progress and condition of this work will be found in detail in the report of the superintendent.

It is recommended that an appropriation be made for the purpose of erecting a suitable wall or fence around a portion of the institution grounds, more particularly between the public street and the strong buildings occupied by the criminal insane. Other important suggestions will be found in the report of the superintendent.

For information in relation to the work performed and the condition of the hospital and asylum, see report of the resident physician.

In reviewing the institution, its official management and work accomplished at the close of another year, the trustees can speak only words of highest commendation and approval in relation to the administration of the present superintendent, Mr. H. M. Blackstone, and of each department under his charge.

The annual inventory, as required under section 7, chapter 79 of the Public Statutes, has been taken, and an appraisal made of the real and personal property connected with the institution and belonging to the Commonwealth, by David G. Pratt, Esq., of Middleborough, whose report is hereto annexed.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

STATE FARM, BRIDGEWATER, MASS., Oct. 1, 1891.

To the Trustees of the State Almshouse and State Farm.

I herewith present the following as my report for the year ending Sept. 30, 1891.

In presenting this the thirty-eighth annual report I have little to offer aside from the figures and statistics. The most noteworthy event of the year has been the opening of the strong building for the criminal insane males, which occurred in October, 1890, and was filled by patients transferred from the several insane and lunatic hospitals of the State. Bringing together all of this class into one household under one management adds much care and responsibility to all directly connected with it. I have heard it said, by those in positions to know, that the *criminal* insane are not different from other insane; this is only true of a few exceptional cases; but as a class *they are different*. Criminal and convict life has done them much harm; they are much smarter window-bar breakers, more athletic fence jumpers, and offer more determined resistance to order and discipline, than those who have led orderly lives. We now fully understand the anxiety of the several State hospitals to eliminate the criminals from their population, and cordially congratulate them in their success. On the basis of "general average," *they* must be happier.

The per capita weekly expenditure of the whole institution has been a little more than last year, — \$2.18 in 1891, against \$2.09 in 1890; net cost, \$2.04 in 1891, against \$1.97 in 1890. It costs more for the insane than for the other classes; the most notable difference is that of salaries. Insane cost per capita, \$46.00; almshouse and workhouse, \$23.00. Almost every item of expense is greater, — food,

clothing, bedding, heating, and wear and tear of plant. The expense will of necessity be more as the criminal class of insane increase in numbers, and the chronic, harmless class decrease.

In connection with this department I refer again to need of the fourth wing in which we could provide a ward for epileptics, and more single rooms; also repeat my former recommendation for brick wall to surround their grounds in place of the wood fence. In the workhouse department, contrary to our prediction and former records, the commitments have fallen off from 397 last year to 324 this year. The decrease seems to have been in the first six months of the year, when the commitments were but 169, compared with 243 for the corresponding period of last year; while the second six months of the present year is 155 against 154, exceeding by one the commitments for the corresponding period of last year. Perhaps this decrease for the first six months of the present year may be accounted for in the operation of the new statute of 1890, requiring the *towns* and *cities*, instead of the *county*, to bear expenses of conviction and commitment of arrests made within their respective limits. Inasmuch as the professional "looking-for-work" class, otherwise known as tramps and vagrants, are generally apprehended in the cities and towns situated along the trunk-line railways, it will be seen that an extraordinary expense must be borne if they continue to make complaints of this class, and it is not unlikely that fewer arrests were made. The new "drunk" law may also account for the commitments of the past six months keeping up to the number of the corresponding period of last year; for nearly double the number of cases of drunkenness have been committed in this same period. The addition to this department, for which an appropriation of \$10,000 was made, but limited to an expenditure of only one-half that amount this year, is well advanced under the first section. The new workshop, bathing, clothing and loafing rooms will be ready to occupy by or before January 1, so that we can go right along with the construction of the additional cells (one hundred in number), which are to occupy the space of the present workshop and loafing-room. In the final arrangement of plans for

this addition it was found to be best, and surely cheapest in the end, to provide much-needed store-rooms and gate lodge in connection with these changes; and we have endeavored to cut the whole suit from the coat pattern. It may necessitate asking a somewhat larger appropriation for furnishing and heating than was contemplated, but we hope it will not.

The water question is still an open one; I am of the opinion that our supply must come, as now, from the Taunton River, and that some system of filtration must be used. It has been suggested that another tank be built, of greater pressure and capacity, and the water for domestic uses be filtered from the greater to the older and smaller tank; I incline quite strongly to this suggestion.

When the addition for criminals was made to the insane department, a larger chapel was provided, in which the inmates from all three departments could assemble, having outgrown the room first set aside for this purpose. It was argued at that time that, if the chapel room was connected with the asylum, the patients would attend in much larger numbers; and, as that department was likely to increase, the chapel attendance would also naturally increase. But an actual experience demonstrates the fact that the percentage of attendance from that department with the chapel under their own roof is actually less than when they had to come out of doors and cross three court yards to the old one. I think it will be readily seen that the task and hazard of taking from the workhouse enclosure the large number of men who attend service across three courtyards and up two flights of stairs is great, to say nothing of the almshouse population, among whom are many old and infirm, but most constant of all in their worship. I need say no more to prove that this arrangement was an error, and I acknowledge my full share of it. Necessity requires that other provision be made, either in separate building more safely and conveniently located, or by enlargement of old chapel room. The room now used can be utilized for needful purposes. We have two religious services on Sundays, morning service at 8.30 and afternoon service at 3 o'clock; the morning service by the parish priest of Middleborough, Rev. Father O'Neil, and afternoon service by various clergymen from surrounding towns. My relations

with all the attending clergymen have been very pleasant, and particularly so with Father O'Neil, who visits the hospital and infirmary many times week days. I desire to hereby give notice to all visiting clergymen that these wards are open at all times, and you are cordially invited to visit them.

This present year we have taken a hand in repairing highways in our neighborhood. If nothing further has been accomplished in this action, it has removed us from the list of "fault finders," and we frankly confess that it is easier to growl about Bridgewater's poor roads than to decently repair them. It is well known locally that the highways approaching this institution from every direction are (except for a short summer period) in a miserable condition, and it would surely be a hardship for the town to keep them in repair, for the obvious reason that there is no gravel to be found within three miles of the place. I have this proposition to make; namely, that we ask a small appropriation for a stone-crusher, and repair the highways adjacent to the farm with the abundance of stone we shall gather from year to year reclaiming land, — this not only in good-will to the town, but in our own self-defence.

Our farming operations have been somewhat more extensive than last year, but in the direction of obtaining future benefits rather than immediate profits. Several acres of last year's purchase have been reclaimed for tillage, and much more for grazing. Crops, with the exception of hay, have been good as compared with the preceding two years; the hay crop was cut short, having suffered from the early summer droughts. The "Farm Account" for this year shows a balance in its favor of \$3,990.27, — an excess of \$877.71 over last year. A portion of this amount is accounted for in the increase of stock and utensils.

As has been expressed in previous reports, the growing stability of our official force is worthy of notice, and our warm commendation is due and freely given them for faithful duties performed in all departments. I do not want to be understood that there has been no dereliction of duty or failures, for such is not the case, but the great majority have been faithful.

The hospital continues in the care of two visiting physi-

cians, Drs. Sawyer and Pratt, and the resident physician, Dr. Blake, whose report is herewith annexed.

On the succeeding pages will be found the usual tables, containing interesting statistics of the inmates committed to our care, and detailed statements of all financial transactions, with an inventory and appraisal of the State property. I am not unmindful of the confidence you have so freely held and generous support accorded me in all matters pertaining to the administration of the institution, and I most sincerely thank you, ladies and gentlemen of the trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. BLACKSTONE,

Superintendent.

STATISTICS.

The whole number of inmates remaining Oct. 1, 1890,
are as follows:—

Male prisoners,	233	
Female prisoners,	6	
Male paupers,	140	
Female paupers,	3	
Discharged prisoners,	15	
Males, chronic insane,	148	
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Number of admissions and commitments from Oct. 1,
1890, to Sept. 30, 1891, inclusive:—

Male prisoners,	315	
Female prisoners,	9	
Male paupers,	293	
Female paupers,	5	
Discharged prisoners,	13	
Males, chronic insane,	98	
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Number discharged from Oct. 1, 1890, to Sept. 30, 1891,
inclusive:—

Male prisoners,	336	
Female prisoners,	7	
Male paupers,	279	
Female paupers,	6	
Discharged prisoners,	15	
Males, chronic insane,	23	
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Number remaining Oct. 1, 1891:—

Male prisoners,	212	
Female prisoners,	8	
Male paupers,	154	
Female paupers,	2	
Discharged prisoners,	13	
Males, chronic insane,	223	
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Of the number discharged, 47 have been by death: —

Prisoners,	9
Paupers,	29
Insane,	9
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Average number during the year,	660
Largest " " "	835
Smallest " " "	545

The following table shows the number admitted each month, sex and age: —

MONTHS.	Males.	Females.	Under 20.	Between 20 and 30.	Between 30 and 40.	Between 40 and 50.	Between 50 and 60.	Between 60 and 70.	Between 70 and 80.	Between 80 and 90.	Total.
1890.											
October,	73	-	2	11	27	15	9	6	3	-	73
November,	63	3	7	14	14	18	8	3	2	-	66
December,	51	2	-	17	10	14	7	5	-	-	53
1891.											
January,	170	1	2	26	40	51	34	13	5	-	171
February,	82	1	-	22	24	13	18	6	-	-	83
March,	20	1	1	6	7	6	1	-	-	-	21
April,	21	-	-	5	4	6	2	3	-	1	21
May,	55	2	-	12	13	18	9	3	2	-	57
June,	23	1	1	5	8	5	4	1	-	-	24
July,	44	-	-	9	12	10	3	7	3	-	44
August,	56	3	6	14	15	14	5	5	-	-	59
September,	61	-	2	10	12	15	11	8	3	-	61
Totals,	719	14	21	151	186	185	111	60	18	1	733

Nativity of Inmates admitted.

Ireland,	263
Massachusetts,	175
England,	59
British Provinces,	48
New York,	21
Russia,	19
Germany,	18
Scotland,	17
Unknown,	16

New Hampshire,	14
Connecticut,	12
Maine.	11
Vermont, Italy and Sweden, 9 each,	27
Pennsylvania,	4
Ohio and France, 3 each,	6
Maryland, Virginia, Austria and Norway, 2 each,	8
California, Louisiana, Missouri, New Jersey, Kentucky, Indiana, Rhode Island, Arabia, Asia, India, East Indies, Denmark, Portugal, Poland and Spain, 1 each,	15

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Courts from which Prisoners were received.

Springfield Police Court,	47
Worcester District Court,	41
Brockton Police Court,	39
Quincy District Court,	31
Taunton District Court,	22
Framingham District Court,	17
Malden District Court,	16
Attleborough District Court,	14
Abington District Court,	12
Massachusetts Reformatory,	11
Waltham District Court,	7
Fall River District Court, and Canton Trial Justice Court, 6 each,	12
Palmer and Stoughton District Courts, 5 each,	10
Westfield, Pittsfield, New Bedford and Southbridge District and Newton Police Courts, 3 each,	15
Hingham and Middleborough District, Worcester Superior, Newburyport Police, Spencer Trial Justice Courts and transferred from Lyman School, 2 each,	12
Great Barrington, Barnstable, Concord, Provincetown, West Stockbridge, Milford and Northampton District Courts, Fitchburg, Lowell, Chicopee and Somerville Police Courts, Dedham, Ludlow and Warren Trial Justice Courts, Springfield, Dedham and Plymouth Superior Courts, and returned from escape, 1 each,	18

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Summary.

District Courts,	199
Police Courts,	95
Trial Justice Courts,	11
Massachusetts Reformatory,	11
Superior Courts,	5
Lyman School,	2
Returned from escape,	1

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Crimes of Prisoners.

Vagrancy,	116
Drunkenness,	95
Tramping,	88
Idle and disorderly,	11
Escaping from State Farm,	5
Attempting to escape from State Farm,	4
Larceny (Lyman School),	2
Vagabond,	1
Stubborn child (Massachusetts Reformatory),	1
Returned from escape,	1
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Sentences of Prisoners.

One year,	120
Six months,	100
Nine months,	26
Two years,	21
Four months,	11
Two years, indeterminate (Reformatory),	10
Eighteen months,	8
Fifteen months,	10
Sixteen months,	4
Eight months,	3
Five and seven months, 2 each,	4
Minority (Lyman School),	2
Eleven months, fourteen months and twenty-three months, 1 each,	3
Ten months, nineteen days (unexpired sentence),	1
Returned from escape,	1
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Of the number of prisoners admitted, 147 had been admitted previously, as follows : —

Second time,	54
Third time,	37
Fourth time,	19
Fifth time,	18
Sixth time,	9
Seventh time,	4
Eighth time,	4
Ninth time,	1
Tenth time,	1
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Towns, etc., from which Paupers have been received.

Boston,	117	
State Almshouse, Tewksbury,	108	
Fall River,	53	
Prison department, State Farm,	13	
New Bedford,	8	
Brockton,	5	
Bridgewater,	5	
Barnstable,	1	
Weymouth,	1	
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Hospitals, Asylums, etc., from which Insane Patients have been received.

Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	26	
Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	18	
Danvers Lunatic Hospital,	15	
Northampton Lunatic Hospital,	11	
Worcester Insane Asylum,	9	
Westborough Insane Hospital,	8	
Pauper department, State Farm,	6	
Prison department, State Farm,	5	
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The receipts and expenditures have been as follows : —

Receipts.

Oct. 1, 1890, to Jan. 1, 1891,	\$20,814 86
Received from State treasurer for same period,	20,814 86
Jan 1, 1891, to Oct. 1, 1891,	54,174 23
Received from State treasurer for same period,	54,174 23
Appropriation for 1890 was	67,000 00
Amount expended,	66,225 25
Unexpended balance,	774 75
(Which sum reverted to the treasury.)	
Appropriation for 1891 was	72,500 00
Amount thus far expended,	54,174 23
Balance unexpended,	18,325 77

Expenditures from Oct. 1, 1890, to Oct. 1, 1891.

Salaries, officers and employees,	\$19,960 33
Flour,	6,727 00
Crackers and pastry,	102 85
Beef, fresh and corned,	3,672 28
Fish, clams and oysters,	1,694 83
Mutton and lamb,	637 15
Poultry and sausage,	268 74
Lard and hams,	88 16
Butter, cheese and eggs,	477 83
Tea and coffee,	1,413 11

Sugar and molasses,	\$1,885 86
Beans and pease,	832 87
Fruits and vegetables,	261 69
Nuts and candy for holidays,	54 24
Dried apples, raisins and currants,	106 17
Yeast, soda and baking powder,	331 68
Pepper, salt and mustard,	119 66
Vinegar,	68 49
Soap, stock and starch,	500 37
Rice,	301 07
Tobacco,	1,334 73
Meal for tables, including graham and oat,	344 11
Miscellaneous groceries and canned goods,	403 70
Potatoes,	254 75
Medical supplies, disinfectants, etc.,	733 15
Hospital supplies, instruments, etc,	147 14
Ready-made clothing,	60 75
Cloth for clothing,	2,066 41
Shirts and drawers,	183 75
Cloth for shirts and drawers,	709 32
Mitts and socks,	575 65
Hats and caps,	236 88
Buttons, thread, needles and notions,	161 99
Uniform buttons,	16 92
Scarfs, collars, suspenders, etc.,	89 28
Towels, towelling, napkins, etc,	103 54
Cotton, bleached,	8 94
Cotton, unbleached,	309 12
Miscellaneous dry goods,	119 94
Blankets,	219 00
Beds and bedding,	48 78
Bedding hay and straw,	397 85
Boots, shoes, stock and findings,	861 99
Sewing machine and repairs,	43 41
Meal and feed for stock,	2,813 96
Corn and cracked corn for stock,	1,033 21
Grinding corn,	69 40
Farm and garden seed,	308 04
Manure and fertilizers,	1,385 22
Agricultural tools and implements,	435 88
Live stock,	706 45
Horse and ox shoeing,	71 50
Repairing and painting carriages,	15 00
Repairing carts and wagons,	99 08
Teaming, horse hire and baiting,	11 05
Pasturage,	35 00
Set of wheels,	65 00
Two-horse cart,	85 00
Plans and surveys of farm,	56 50
Carriage and wagon stock,	16 35

Harnesses,	\$135 00
Robes, horse blankets, surcingles, etc.,	47 00
Cow stanchions,	15 00
Veterinary services,	12 00
Ox carts, wagons and yokes,	190 00
Depot carriage,	235 00
Rent of land,	30 00
Oak posts,	9 90
Miscellaneous stable expenses,	28 30
Crockery and glassware,	260 17
Miscellaneous kitchen and laundry utensils,	67 40
Tinware,	66 01
Hardware,	505 16
Brooms, brushes, mats and woodenware,	390 08
Lamps, lanterns and wicks,	43 47
Furniture,	210 28
Carpets and carpeting,	155 48
Paints, oils and painters' supplies,	541 55
Plumbers' supplies and labor,	338 99
Engineer's supplies,	25 48
Valve re-seating machine,	72 00
Steam and gas pipe and fittings,	225 57
Blacksmith's supplies and labor,	98 34
Gasoline and oil,	1,233 18
Coal,	4,801 17
Brick,	12 40
Lime, hair and cement,	34 25
Lumber, including coffin boards,	1,124 56
Mechanical labor and services,	742 05
Freight and express,	993 20
Trustees' expenses,	183 63
Superintendent's expenses, mileage, tickets, etc.,	178 39
Fares and gratuities, discharged inmates,	664 74
Transfer of inmates,	48 91
Trustees' expenses at Conference of Charities and Correc- tion, Baltimore,	57 20
Visiting physician's services,	500 00
Chapel services,	434 00
Miscellaneous and domestic salaries,	164 00
Cutlery,	16 25
Taking inventory,	100 00
Telephone rents,	225 00
Telegrams and telephones,	14 03
Postage stamps, cards, etc.,	166 29
Office supplies, stationery, etc,	262 45
Newspapers and periodicals,	97 25
Library books,	21 90
Entertainments and fireworks,	74 77
Spectacles,	31 66

Blasting powder and fuse,	\$2 88
Doors, windows and blinds,	110 77
Stove grates, linings and castings,	31 34
Boiler grates and castings,	144 35
Miscellaneous iron and steel,	109 64
Expenses arresting and returning escaped men,	84 20
Drain pipe,	173 78
Repairs to clock,	4 00
Electrical supplies,	15 01
Watch-clock dials,	17 60
Iron sink and stove,	21 00
Rubber goods,	170 29
Stone hammers,	12 13
Wire window guards,	293 51
Window weights,	24 67
Repairing steam pumps,	93 38
Concreting,	270 56
Tar and gravel roofing,	125 05
Restraints for insane,	11 00
Water filter,	20 00
Toilet paper and matches,	97 44
Engine,	225 00
Cell locks,	60 00
Carting ice,	71 37
Fire ladders,	24 30
Cast-iron chair jacks,	91 51
Rough granite stone,	45 00
Upholsterers' supplies,	26 83
Typewriter,	90 25
Barbers' supplies and chairs,	49 90
Repairing artificial leg,	20 00
Brass tubing,	85 68
Billiard balls,	7 50
Ventilating pipes and labor,	113 30
Hydrant posts,	7 33
Tuning chapel piano,	3 50
Boiler composition,	43 08
Iron work on blower heating system,	151 36
Atlas map of Massachusetts,	15 00

\$74,989 09

The amount received from sales, labor of inmates, produce sold, etc., \$5,039 13

(Which has been paid into the treasury.)

The total expenditure has been \$74,989 09

Which amount, divided by the average number of inmates, 660, gives \$113 62 yearly, or an expenditure of \$2.18 weekly; deduct the amount paid into the treasury from the amount expended, and it gives a net cost of \$2 04 weekly.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Of the appropriations made in 1888 and 1889, for erecting and furnishing strong buildings for insane male criminals, for building an addition to the hospital for the medical treatment of the sick insane, and for furnishing, heating and lighting the same, there was an unexpended balance of \$10,465.63. The expenditures under these appropriations for the present year are as follows : —

Carpenters' labor,	\$814 73
Brick masons' labor,	415 90
Stone masons' labor,	45 00
Lathers' labor,	83 75
Lumber,	2,357 60
Brick, lime and cement,	902 35
Painters' supplies and labor,	178 57
Hardware,	116 74
Freight,	131 11
Boiler,	675 00
Ventilating registers,	15 27
Jacket kettles, steamer and baker,	441 20
Repairs to engine,	21 25
Steam and gas piping and fittings,	555 04
Gas burners, brackets and chandeliers,	330 90
Blankets and bed spreads,	428 00
Sheeting and ticking,	320 56
Leather-board for settees,	19 72
Furniture and carpets,	102 45
Services of cook,	49 00
Cell lock, keys, etc.,	348 93
Nails,	46 85
Plumbers' supplies and labor,	441 47
Iron work on boiler,	108 16
Wire window guards,	477 39
Wiring and connections to watch clock,	160 91
Drain pipe,	6 45
Hot-water heater,	400 00
Settees,	94 20
Piano,	360 00
Clocks,	17 00
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	\$10,465 50
Balance unexpended,	13
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	\$10,465 63

Of the appropriations made in 1889, for the erection of buildings for the storage of ice, moving, repairing and building addition to barn, and for the erection of a new stable, there was an unexpended balance of \$1,821 92. The expenditures under this appropriation for the present year are as follows : —

Carpenters' labor,	\$336 38
Laborers,	81 00
Building elevator,	235 00
Elevator,	317 10
Lumber,	494 77
Drain pipe,	48 25
Iron stall, floors and ramps,	172 49
Weather-vane and iron gutters,	41 80
Tarred pipe and fittings,	88 50
Hydrant posts,	6 06
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	\$1,821 35
Unexpended balance,	57
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	\$1,821 92

Of the appropriation made in 1890 for extending the high-service water and obtaining an additional supply of pure water, there was an unexpended balance of \$3,953.20. The expenditures under this appropriation for the present year are as follows : —

Brick masons' labor,	\$350 17
Carpenters' labor,	20 00
Steam piping and labor,	168 85
Smoke flue and labor,	47 21
Labor and supplies, caulking,	24 24
Boiler,	660 00
Lumber,	60 50
Brick, lime and cement,	489 80
Iron water pipe,	103 79
Hydrants and water gates,	77 92
Roofing pump-house addition,	36 16
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	\$2,038 64
Balance unexpended,	1,914 56
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	\$3,953 20

Of the appropriation made in 1890 for additional tillage and pasturage lands, fencing, etc., there was an unexpended

balance of \$642.40. The expenditures under this appropriation for the present year are as follows : —

Lumber,	\$456 77
Carpenters' labor,	42 75
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	\$499 52
Balance unexpended,	142 88
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	\$642 40

Under chapter 68, Resolves of 1891, the sum of \$40,000 was appropriated for the purpose of erecting a new building and for the construction of one hundred additional cells to the workhouse department. The expenditures under this appropriation are as follows : —

Stone and brick masons' labor,	\$1,941 00
Carpenters' labor,	489 50
Laborers,	372 00
Lime, brick and cement,	3,315 89
Granite underpinning, caps and sills,	1,290 43
Lumber,	2,186 24
Castings,	26 04
Freight,	267 28
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	\$9,888 38
Unexpended balance,	30,111 62
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	\$40,000 00

An inventory and appraisal of the real and personal estate, Oct. 1, 1891, was made by David G. Pratt, Esq., of Middleborough. The appraisal was as follows : —

Live stock,	\$6,907 00
Products of farm,	8,450 66
Carriages and agricultural implements,	6,535 07
Machinery and mechanical fixtures,	33,729 00
Beds and bedding, inmates' department,	11,388 51
Other furniture in inmates' department,	10,200 18
Personal property of State in superintendent's department,	8,698 33
Ready-made clothing,	11,493 14
Dry goods,	1,502 00
Provisions and groceries,	3,334 52
Drugs and medicines,	275 00
Fuel,	2,547 00
Library,	307 50

LAND.

235 acres cultivated,	}	\$29,055 00
132 acres pasture,		
42 acres woodland,		
4 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres water-works,		

BUILDINGS

New buildings, including new hospital addition,	\$172,500 00
Asylum buildings, complete,	96,000 00
East barn,	6,000 00
Stock barn,	6,000 00
Stable,	5,000 00
Piggery,	2,500 00
Ice-houses,	1,500 00
Hen-houses,	1,000 00
Tool-house,	1,000 00
Farmer's house,	1,500 00
Watchmen's house,	2,000 00
River pumping-station,	2,500 00
Lower pump-house,	500 00
Blacksmith's shop,	1,500 00
Carpenter's shop and storage sheds,	1,000 00
Pest-house,	500 00
Hathaway house,	500 00
High board fences,	3,000 00
Tomb,	1,000 00

LIST OF LIVE STOCK.

Work horses (pairs), 4	Calves, 6
Driving horse, 1	Hogs, 61
Oxen, 12	Breeding sows, 43
Milch cows, 44	Pigs, 101
Bulls, 2	Boars, 2
Two-year-olds, 5	Hens, 238
Yearlings, 8	Chickens, 210
Yearling steers (twins), 2	Ducks, 14

PRODUCTS OF FARM ON HAND.

English hay (tons), 175	Parsnips (bushels), 75
Rowen " 7	Onions (bushels), 230
Oats hayed " 20	Squash (tons), 3 $\frac{3}{4}$
Corn fodder " 15	Pumpkins (tons), 3
Pop-corn (bushels), 25	Apples (barrels), 216
Potatoes " 2,900	Apples, cider (bushels), 125
Mangels " 950	Cabbage (heads), 8,181
Yellow globe beets (bu.), 350	Celery (heads), 1,200
Table beets (bushels), 925	Manure (cords), 60
Carrots (bushels), 1,187	Wood (cords), 42
Turnips (bushels), 500	Vinegar (gallons), 500
Ruta-baga turnips (bu.), 50	

PRODUCTS OF FARM AND GARDEN CONSUMED ON OFFICERS' AND
INMATES' TABLES.

Potatoes (bushels), . . .	1,995	Squash (pounds), . . .	3,343
Onions " . . .	210	Squash, summer (pounds),	361
Turnips " . . .	232	Pumpkins (pounds), . . .	293
Carrots " . . .	44	Corn (dozen), . . .	2,701
Beans " . . .	79	Parsley (bunches), . . .	32
Parsnips " . . .	51	Celery (bunches), . . .	638
Dandelions " . . .	1,437	Radishes (bunches), . . .	640
Beets " . . .	183	Asparagus (pounds), . . .	340
String beans " . . .	37	Lettuce (dozen), . . .	852
Peas " . . .	157	Beets (bunches), . . .	272
Tomatoes " . . .	163	Onion sets (bunches), . . .	663
Peppers " . . .	4	Strawberries (boxes), . . .	2,460
Apples " . . .	174	Raspberries (boxes), . . .	1,012
Pears " . . .	20	Currants (boxes), . . .	442
Grapes " . . .	4	Gooseberries (boxes), . . .	222
Swiss chard greens (bu.), .	228	Blackberries (boxes), . . .	430
Beet greens (bushels), . .	209	Cherries (boxes), . . .	41
Cabbage (pounds), . . .	37,672	Watermelons, . . .	129
Cucumbers (dozen), . . .	493	Muskmelons, . . .	923
Cucumbers, pickling (bu.),	8		

The beef, pork and poultry slaughtered from the stock of the farm amounts to : —

Beef (pounds),	5,624
Pork (pounds),	15,849
Chicken (pounds),	494
Duck (pounds),	37

DAIRY PRODUCTS, ETC.

Milk (gallons),	25,250
Eggs (dozen),	2,235

The above amounts show the consumption on the tables from the farm account, and represent a credit of \$11,547.38 allowed the farm.

CLOTHING, ETC., MADE AND REPAIRED IN THE SHOP.

<i>New Goods made.</i>		Jumpers,	200
Coats,	335	Caps,	170
Pants (pairs),	747	Sheets,	748
Vests,	252	Pillow slips,	843
Shirts,	667	Bath towels,	535
Undershirts,	901	Roller towels,	60
Drawers (pairs),	613	Suspenders (pairs),	262

Lace-up suits,	6	Coats,	743
Shrouds,	43	Socks (pairs),	4,200
Aprons,	107	Drawers,	1,504
Bed ticks,	113	Undershirts,	804
Pillow ticks,	53	Overalls,	300
Brogans (pairs),	315	Vests,	88
Slippers (pairs),	386	Jumpers,	277
Balmorals (pairs),	47	Bed ticks,	489
<i>Goods repaired</i>		Mittens (pairs),	618
Shirts,	1,963	Shoes (pairs),	1,786
Pants (pairs),	2,026	Boots (pairs),	145

LIST OF PERSONS

Employed as Officers and Employees.

NAME.	Nature of Service.	Time.	Amount.
H. M. Blackstone, . .	Superintendent, . .	1 year, . .	\$2,250 00
Thomas J. Cannon, . .	Assistant superintendent,	1 year, . .	1,000 00
Charles A. Blake, . .	Resident physician, . .	1 year, . .	1,200 00
Rodney A. Moore, . .	Engineer,	1 year, . .	720 00
Henry J. Strain, . .	Clerk,	1 year, . .	741 67
Francis Jenkins, . .	Overseer yard and prison,	1 year, . .	600 00
Benjamin F. Robinson, .	Overseer chair shop, . .	1 year, . .	753 34
Benjamin A. Atkins, . .	Overseer almshouse dept.,	1 year, . .	600 00
Andrew J. Ward, . .	Cook and baker,	1 year, . .	720 00
George E. Bacon, . .	Farmer,	1 year, . .	900 00
Henry S. Keith, . .	Assistant farmer,	1 year, . .	480 00
Walter E. Temple, . .	Assistant farmer,	1 year, . .	480 00
Edgar W. Sawyer, . .	Assistant farmer,	1 year, . .	385 00
William M. Payne, . .	Watchman,	11½ months, .	460 00
Charles W. French, . .	Watchman,	21 days, . .	24 50
John A. Watson, . .	Gateman,	1 year, . .	300 00
Henry G. Tuttle, . .	Hospital steward,	6 mos., 7 days,	155 83
Charles A. Smith, . .	Hospital steward,	3 mos., 29 days,	116 50
Frank J. Collison, . .	Hospital steward,	1 mon., 9 days,	32 50
Melvin Hatch, . .	Supervisor of insane, . .	1 year, . .	432 50
Charles A. Newcomb, . .	Attendant of insane, . .	1½ months, .	49 99
Frank F. Rice, . .	Attendant of insane, . .	6½ months, .	216 66
John W. Tibbetts, . .	Attendant of insane, . .	11½ months, .	356 25
Alfred H. Crockett, . .	Attendant of insane, . .	1 year, . .	372 50
Nathaniel B. Doe, . .	Attendant of insane, . .	1 year, . .	372 50
Benjamin C. Knowlton, .	Attendant of insane, . .	1 year, . .	360 00
Dana Tibbetts, . .	Attendant of insane, . .	1 year, . .	355 00
Alden Doe,	Attendant of insane, . .	1 year, . .	352 50
Charles A. Smith, . .	Attendant of insane, . .	2 months, .	55 00
Benjamin F. Tibbetts, . .	Attendant of insane, . .	1 year, . .	352 50
Willis E. Bowler, . .	Attendant of insane, . .	1 year, . .	350 00

LIST OF PERSONS, ETC. — Concluded.

NAME.	Nature of Service.	Time.	Amount.
Harry L. Collins, . .	Attendant of insane, .	2 months, .	\$55 00
George R. Beldin, . .	Attendant of insane, .	1 year, . .	347 50
Frank R. Moody, . .	Attendant of insane, .	1 year, . .	347 50
Frank W. Richardson, .	Attendant of insane, .	11 mos., 19 days,	334 92
Frank A. White, . .	Attendant of insane, .	11 mos., 16 days,	332 16
Peter B. McNeil, . .	Attendant of insane, .	12 mos., 4 days,	318 33
Fernald G. Turner, . .	Attendant of insane, .	5 mos., 6 days,	130 00
Jeremiah B. Allen, . .	Attendant of insane, .	10½ months, .	301 25
Palmer M. Turner, . .	Attendant of insane, .	10½ months, .	301 25
Carl J. Olssen, . .	Attendant of insane, .	10 mos., 2 days,	286 83
Walter E. Morse, . .	Attendant of insane, .	6 mos., 19 days,	168 33
George W. Bean, . .	Attendant of insane, .	5 mos., 17 days,	153 08
Daniel H. Clark, . .	Attendant of insane, .	3 mos., 2 days,	76 66
Charles F. Atkinson, .	Attendant of insane, .	1 mon., 28 days,	53 16
Enzla J. Bean, . .	Attendant of insane, .	13 days, . .	11 92
Merrick H. Osgood, . .	Assistant engineer, . .	7 mos., 6 days,	216 00
S. F. Blackstone, . .	Housekeeper, . . .	1 year, . .	300 00
Mary E. Sawyer, . .	Laundress, . . .	1 year, . .	240 00
Belle Whiting, . .	Cook, . . .	1 year, . .	261 70
George F. Coxon, . .	Domestic, . . .	1 year, . .	180 00

HOSPITAL REPORT.

*To the Honorable Board of Trustees of the State Farm at Bridgewater,
Mass.*

The following report of the hospital and asylum department is respectfully submitted : —

Number in hospital Oct. 1,	Deaths,	47
1890, 20	Discharged,	286
Admitted during the year, . 338	Remaining,	25
358		358

The number of admissions is nearly the same as last year. The percentage of deaths to admissions is $.13\frac{1}{2}$, a slight gain over last year; and, as compared with the average population, is .07 per cent., against .09 per cent. for the previous year.

There has been no increase in hospital work in consequence of admissions. The admissions have been more evenly distributed through the months of the year, there having been more during the summer and fewer through the winter, a condition much to be desired. Two thousand and forty sick calls have been answered in the out-patient department. There have been 338 cases treated in the hospital, 56 of which were of phthisis, with 95 other forms of disease.

In the table of deaths there are two cases of alcoholic poisoning reported, which occurred from the use of "wood" alcohol, which the unfortunate subjects obtained surreptitiously. The suicide reported was in the case of a patient suffering with epithelioma of the face; he had just been dressed, and, knowing that the nurse would not be around to see him for a little time, he took the opportunity to end his suffering.

In the asylum department there has been an increase in the number of patients, some of whom belong to a more violent class than those previously sent here. In most cases, however, they have learned to do as do those who came before them, and there are many who occupy their time working in the chair shop or on the wards. There must needs be a few, however, who are simply mischief-makers and breeders of strife, and these can best be taken care of in their rooms during periods of unpleasantness. As a whole, however, there is but little isolation, the greater part of which is among epileptics, our number of these cases having increased during the year.

Of our daily number of 199 patients, there has been an average of 117 employed; of this number, 70 have worked in the chair shop, the remainder working on the farm, and within doors at various kinds of employment. The various tables appended give statistical information regarding the hospital and asylum. Tables concerning the asylum are both for the year and for the whole time since the asylum was opened.

In closing, I wish to refer to my report of last year in regard to the detention of venereal cases. Some effort has been made during the year in this direction by members of the medical profession. It seems to me that responsibility does not rest merely upon retaining them long enough to restore them to a fairly healthy condition, but that they should be detained long enough to rid them, as far as may be, of their disease.

Permit me to express my thanks to the superintendent and to the consulting physicians for their support in the discharge of my duties. My thanks are also extended to all officers and attendants with whom I have been associated.

Very respectfully yours,

CHAS. A. BLAKE, M.D.,

Resident Physician.

BRIDGEWATER, MASS., Sept. 30, 1891.

TABLE NO. 1.

*Showing the Number and Variety of Diseases treated in the Hospital from
Oct. 1, 1890, to Sept. 30, 1891.*

Abscesses,	6	Intermittent,	2
Arthritis, rheumatoid,	1	Incontinence of urine,	2
Alcoholism,	20	Indigestion,	9
Apoplexy,	1	Injury to foot,	1
Ascites,	2	Jaundice,	1
Alcohol poisoning,	4	Mania,	1
Asthma,	4	Melancholia,	3
Bubo,	2	Myo-sarcoma,	1
Bronchitis,	5	Mania epileptica,	1
Bronchitis, capillary,	2	Neuralgia,	3
Bright's disease,	1	Oedema scroti,	1
Cholera morbus,	4	Otitis media,	1
Coxarius morbus,	1	Observation,	13
Conjunctivitis,	6	Old age,	1
Constipation,	6	Phthisis,	56
Congestion, pulmonary,	2	Pleurisy,	2
Cephalgia,	2	Pneumonia,	5
Contusion,	1	Pneumonia, convalescing from,	2
Chancre,	1	Paronychia,	2
Chancroid,	1	Pharyngitis,	2
Convolvulus,	1	Phimosis,	1
Debility,	6	Paralysis,	1
Diarrhœa,	18	Paralysis, general,	2
Diabetes, mellitus,	1	Paralysis, epileptic,	1
Dilatation of heart,	1	Podagra,	1
Dementia,	2	Pyrosis,	1
Diarrhœa, chronic,	1	Pyelitis,	1
Epithelioma,	1	Rheumatism,	7
Eczema,	3	Rupture of ligament,	1
Erysipelas,	2	Syphilis,	4
Erysipelas, phlegm,	1	Stricture,	3
Excoriatio,	1	Suppuration of glands,	1
Enteralgia,	6	Septicæmia,	1
Epistaxis,	2	Synovitis,	2
Epilepsy,	3	Tonsillitis,	2
Febricula,	30	Tumor, cerebral,	1
Furuncle,	6	Ulcer, corneal,	3
Fracture, scapula,	1	Ulcer, chronic,	11
Fracture, rib,	1	Valvular disease of heart,	2
Fracture, olecranon,	1	Varicose veins,	1
Glandular enlargement,	1	Wounds, scalp,	3
Gonorrhœa,	2	Wounds, incised,	1
Hydrocele,	2	Wounds, lacerated,	1
Hypochondriasis,	1	Wounds, contused,	7
Hemorrhage, cerebral,	2	Wounds, punctured,	1
Herpes, zosta,	1		
Hemiplegia,	1	Total,	338

TABLE No. 2.

Showing the Number of Deaths and Diseases from Oct. 1, 1890, to Sept. 30, 1891.

Apoplexy,	1	Hemorrhage, pulmonary,	1
Alcoholic poisoning,	2	Myo-sarcoma,	1
Ascites,	1	Paralysis, general,	2
Angina pectoris,	1	Pyelitis,	1
Cerebral tumor,	1	Phthisis,	20
Cerebral softening,	1	Rheumatoid arthritis,	1
Debility,	5	Suicide,	1
Diabetes, mellitus,	1	Valvular disease of heart,	2
Diarrhœa, chronic,	1	Convolvulus,	1
Epilepsy,	1		
Gangrene of lung,	1	Total,	*47
Gastro-intestinal catarrh,	1		

TABLE No. 3.

General Statistics of the Year.

Patients in hospital Oct. 1, 1890,	148
Patients admitted within the year,	98
Whole number of cases within the year,	246
Discharged within the year,	13
Eloped within the year,	1
Deaths within the year,	9
Patients remaining Sept 30, 1891,	223
Number of different persons within the year,	246
Number of different persons admitted within the year,	98
Daily average of patients,	199
Daily average of patients employed,	117
Whole number of persons received since Sept. 14, 1886,	305

TABLE No. 4.

Showing the Number of Insane Patients received from each Hospital.

Worcester Insane Hospital,	22	Westborough Lunatic Hos-	
Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	131	pital,	†16
Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	63	State Farm,	23
Danvers Lunatic Hospital,	29		
Northampton Lunatic Hos-		Total,	†306
pital,	22		

* Nine insane, 9 prisoners, 29 paupers.

† One readmitted.

TABLE NO. 5.

Showing Movements of 305 Insane Patients from Sept. 14, 1886, to Sept. 30, 1891.

Improved and discharged,	4
Transferred to other asylums,	3
Transferred by order of Board of Lunacy and Charity,	26
Readmitted,	3
Eloped,	5
Died,	44
Remaining Sept. 30, 1891,	223

TABLE NO. 6.

Showing Nativity of 305 Insane Patients.

Azores,	2	New Brunswick,	2
Austria,	1	Nova Scotia,	4
China,	1	Ohio,	1
Canada,	6	Poland,	1
Denmark,	1	Pennsylvania,	3
England,	15	Prince Edward Island,	1
Finland,	1	Prussia,	1
Germany,	7	Rhode Island,	2
Georgia,	1	Sweden,	3
Ireland,	89	Scotland,	5
Italy,	4	Spain,	1
Maine,	5	Vermont,	4
Massachusetts,	75	Virginia,	3
Minnesota,	1	Washington, D C,	1
New Hampshire,	2	Unknown,	53
New York,	9		

TABLE NO. 7.

Showing the Occupation of 305 Insane Patients.

Auctioneer,	1	Cabinet maker,	1
Brickmaker,	1	Dyer,	1
Blacksmiths,	5	Engineer,	1
Barbers,	2	Farmers,	12
Bootmakers,	5	Firemen,	2
Bartenders,	2	Fishermen,	2
Book agent,	1	Glazier,	1
Carpenters,	7	Gilder,	1
Cigar maker,	1	Hostlers,	6
Curriers,	2	Hatter,	1
Clergyman,	1	Jeweller,	1
Coopers,	2	Laundryman,	1
Clerks,	2	Laborers,	10
Carriage maker,	1	Lather,	1
Car porter,	1	Longshoreman,	5

TABLE No. 7 — Concluded.

Mill operatives,	5	Spring maker,	1
Mill owner,	1	Sailors,	7
Morocco dresser,	1	Shovel maker,	1
Mason,	1	Shoemakers,	11
Machinists,	6	Servant,	1
Marble workers,	2	Scrivner,	1
Match maker,	1	Salesman,	1
Mechanic,	1	Spinners,	6
Moulder,	1	Stone masons,	2
Night watchman,	1	Stone cutters,	5
Plumbers,	2	Tailors,	3
Painters, carriage,	4	Varnisher,	1
Piano finishers,	2	Waiters,	2
Peddlers,	3	Wool carder,	1
Painters,	3	Weavers,	3
Porter,	1	Unknown,	92
Railroad employees,	2		

TABLE No. 8.

Civil Condition of 305 Insane Patients.

Married,	95
Single,	173
Unknown,	37

TABLE No. 9.

Classification of 305 Insane Patients.

Dementia,	121	Mania, chronic,	132
Dipsomania,	5	Melancholia,	16
Epilepsy,	16	Moral insanity,	1
Feeble-minded,	5	Toxic insanity (alcohol),	3
General paralysis,	6		

TABLE No. 10.

Annual Admissions since Opening of the Hospital, Discharges and Deaths within the Official Year, and Number of Each Year's Admissions remaining Sept. 30, 1891.

YEARS ENDING SEPT. 30.	Admitted.	DISCHARGED AND DIED IN 1890-91.		Remaining of Each Year's Admissions Sept. 30, 1891.
		Discharged.	Died.	
1886,	50	1	2	19
1887,	105	1	2	78
1888,	18	0	1	15
1889,	16	2	0	11
1890,	18	3	1	12
1891,	98	7	3	88
Totals,	305	14	9	223

TABLE NO. 11.

Monthly Admissions and Discharges.

MONTHS.	Admissions.	Discharges.	Deaths.
1890.			
October,	32	1	—
November,	17	1	1
December,	2	1	—
1891.			
January,	5	1	—
February,	6	2	2
March,	—	—	2
April,	1	—	1
May,	29	3	—
June,	—	—	1
July,	2	—	—
August,	1	2	1
September,	3	3	1
Total of cases,	98	14	9
Total of persons,	98	14	9

TABLE NO. 12.

Relations to Hospitals of Persons admitted, 1890-91.

Never before in any hospital for insane,	11
Former inmates of other hospitals,	87
Total,	98

TABLE NO. 13.

Showing the Number of Criminals and Crimes committed.

Assault,	40	Libel,	1
Arson,	1	Murder and manslaughter,	22
Breaking and entering,	20	Non-support of family,	2
Burning barns,	2	Rape,	5
Burglary,	1	Robbery,	2
Bigamy,	1	Stealing,	1
Common drunkard,	14	Stoning railroad train,	1
Counterfeiting,	1	Vagrancy,	33
Desecrating cemetery,	1	Unknown,	15
Disturbing the peace,	3		—
Exposure,	2	Total,	178
Larceny,	10		

TABLE No. 14.

Showing the Place of Commitment of 178 Insane Criminals.

State Prison,	44	State Farm,	19
Reformatory at Concord, . .	12	Deer Island (Boston), . .	3
Houses of correction and jails,	68	Not sentenced,	32

TABLE No. 15.

Showing the Number of Insane Patients treated in Hospital from Oct. 1, 1890, to Sept. 30, 1891.

Abscess,	1	Indigestion,	1
Cholera morbus,	1	Phthisis,	12
Diarrhœa,	3	Paralysis, general,	1
Debility,	1	Suppurat'n of cervical glands,	1
Epistaxis,	1	Ulcer, chronic,	1
Epilepsy,	1	Valvular disease of heart, .	1
Fracture,	1	Wound, lacerated,	1
Febricula,	2	Wound, scalp,	1
Hemiplegia,	1		

TABLE No. 16.

Showing the Number of Deaths in the Asylum Department from Oct. 1, 1890, to Sept. 30, 1891.

Apoplexy,	1	General paralysis,	1
Ascites,	1	Phthisis,	4
Epilepsy,	1	Valvular disease of heart, .	1

